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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 4646
Hiide YOSHINO et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2006_1312A
Serial No. 10/588,778 : Group Art Unit 1612
Filed August 8, 2006 : Examiner Marcos L. Sznaidman
A NOVEL THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR :
AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS
(ALS) OR DISEASES CAUSED BY ALS :
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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated March 31, 2009.

The Official Action constitutes a requirement for an election of species.

Applicants elect 3-methyl-1-phenyl-2-pyrazoline-5-on (edaravone) recited in claims 2 and 18, namely a compound of the formula (I) wherein R1 is methyl, R2 is a hydrogen atom and R3 is a phenyl.

The claims readable on the elected species are claims 1-32.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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